

THE unions undoubtedly believe in striking while the weather is hot.

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## RAIL PRESIDENTS GIVE ULTIMATUM TO ADVERTS STRIKE

Put Up Final Move to Wilson  
and Employees.

Break Between Operators and  
Unions Looks Certain.

## STAND PAT ON ARBITRATION

Rail Barons Demand That or  
Invite Tie-Up.

Brotherhoods Probably Will  
Take Action Today.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The show-  
down in the fight between the rail-  
roads and the railroad brotherhoods  
seemed at hand this afternoon. The  
question whether the country's indus-  
trial activity was to continue or to be  
supplanted by complete stagnation  
may be determined before night.

For hours, in a room at the Willard  
hotel, the heads of the American rail-  
ways argued over the language New  
York should declare to the pres-  
ident their "final" stand. They worked  
over and over their arguments of a  
proposal for settlement which they  
had little reason to believe the brother-  
hoods would accept, but which they  
desired to be an unanswerable brief  
of their side of the case.

At the White House the president  
deferred meeting with the brother-  
hood representatives until this propo-  
sition of the executives had reached  
him. The word went out that, regard-  
less of the belief of the railroad  
presidents in the finality of the  
action, they were not prepared to  
allow the negotiations to drop. He  
will insist on continuing efforts to pre-  
vent the break, it was said.

Home Badly Envoied, But—  
"If the proposal for arbitration is  
officially made," an administration  
official close to the president said, "the  
situation is bad, but not hopeless."

The president spent some time today  
with Secretary Lane who, because of  
his long service on the Interstate Com-  
merce commission, has been one of the  
president's most important advisers in  
the railroad controversy. Lane de-  
clined to discuss the matter when he  
left the white house. He left a written  
communication but its contents were  
kept secret.

The brotherhood, 640 representa-  
tives held an hour's session, discussing  
various phases of the issue and "kill-  
ing time." Afterwards many of them  
paid their hotel bills and gave up their  
rooms. They believed it would be  
possible to leave the city tonight. None  
of the brotherhood president, how-  
ever, would express such a belief.

Employees Debate Arbitration.  
The employees' session adjourned  
shortly after noon on Saturday. The  
brotherhood leaders had been closeted  
in their hotel during the meeting,  
waiting for word from the White  
House which was said to be expected  
forthcoming until the president had  
received the proposal of the railroads.  
The question of arbitration was care-  
fully considered in the men's session  
but no action was taken.

Washington, Aug. 26.—With drama-  
tic and sinister suddenness a crisis  
came today in the negotiations to pre-  
vent the threatened railroad strike.  
A break between the railroad brother-  
hoods, representing 400,000 men and  
the railroad presidents, representing  
twelve billions of capital and revenue,  
was a week ago by President Wilson  
has ignored his peace proposal and decided  
to submit a substitute proposal  
which even the most optimistic feel  
the brotherhoods will turn down. It  
provides:

That an eight hour day, inasmuch  
as theory and practice on this differ  
widely, must not be tried until after  
arbitration and investigation.

That the question of wages, overtime  
and other collateral being by their  
very nature arbitratable an impartial  
board or commission should be desig-  
nated to pass on all these matters.

That the roads will abide by the  
decision of such an impartial body.  
The final stage of the hour's session  
was to take effect from the time arbi-  
tration ends.

Ask No Freight Increase.  
The roads' proposal now  
rested on among themselves request  
no beneficial legislation and no in-  
creased rates. They suggest only that  
in the event of arbitration and investi-  
gation of the eight hour working day  
an impartial commission do the work.  
The proposition is less than four hun-  
dred words long. It is the first con-  
crete plan that has been voted on at  
any time by the executives and met  
with unanimous approval. It is the  
only proposal that will come from the  
roads, according to one of the leading  
executives today and he added:

"It is better than the broadhead  
leaders deserve. If they don't like it,  
they know what they can do."

With this action unanimously agreed  
upon at a conference last night, the  
roads pushed the question of a strike  
or peace back to President Wilson and  
the brotherhoods. Ratification of the  
proposal was to be voted by the execu-  
tives and managers at 10 o'clock  
this morning and immediately after-  
wards.

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## BIG SHOOT ENDS TODAY

Captain Jack Wolf Is the New Grand  
American Champion.

St. Louis, Aug. 26.—With the con-  
clusion of the final afternoon the  
annual national trapshooting cham-  
pionship tournament will come to an end.  
Capt. Jack Wolf, Milwaukee, won  
the grand American trophy by shoot-  
ing from the nineteen yards mark. He  
shattered ninety-nine of a 100 birds.

## HIGH RATES MAY ATTRACT LARGE INDUSTRY TO CITY

Canning Interests Have Their  
Eyes on Topeka.

Kaw Valley Products Could Be  
Handled Cheaper Here.

## FREIGHT TARIFFS DUE TO RISE

Costs Shippers More to Ship  
Produce and Product.

All Depends on Decision of  
Commerce Commission.

Topeka, as the location of several  
additional canned goods factories  
which would handle the produce out-  
put of the Kaw valley, is the fore-  
cast of business men and others in  
event the coast to coast freight rate  
hike, which means that Kansas jobbers  
will pay approximately \$1,000 a year  
in increased rates on canned goods  
from the Pacific coast, is upheld by  
the Interstate Commerce commission.  
Should these rates, the tariffs of which  
were filed by the railroads, be upheld,  
it is pointed out that an industrial firm  
springing up here, as under the new hike  
the goods could be canned here much  
cheaper than they could be obtained  
from the coast.

Too Much Shipping.  
Not a little produce is now shipped  
from the Kaw valley to factories in  
other cities for canning and then  
shipped back again. Under the rate  
proposed, using the statement on the  
arguments of the shippers, that would  
no longer be profitable.

The Kaw valley, it is asserted, could  
now support a reasonable canned  
goods industry. Under a better de-  
livery method in the produce indus-  
try among gardeners and farmers the  
output would be greatly increased and  
it would support several such fac-  
tories.

The railroads are asking a rate hike  
from Atlantic coast points to the Pa-  
cific coast, including intermediate  
points, which would mean \$1,000 an-  
nually in increase. The roads want  
that Kansas jobbers must pay  
\$132 a car more for freight rates than  
the white north. The rate is in-  
creased from 62 1/2 cents to 85  
cents in carload shipments.

The suspension board of the Inter-  
state Commerce commission com-  
pleted a hearing on the case this week.  
A decision is expected soon. It is be-  
lieved that the suspension of the  
board will lift the rates for four months.  
Should it not do so, Topeka jobbers  
stand to lose \$5,000 in increased rates  
on goods which they have been ship-  
ping under the old rates, but which  
have not yet been shipped, according  
to E. H. Hogueland, commerce coun-  
sel for the Topeka Traffic association.

Decision Soon.  
The suspension board held up the  
rates it will probably be ten  
months before the commission itself  
will act on the case, as that board is  
given six months in addition to the  
four months suspension to consider  
the case.

Among others, J. Will Kelley, sec-  
retary of the Commercial club, is in-  
clined to believe the canning industry  
of the Kaw valley will be boosted by  
the increase if it is allowed.

## FEAR OF HIS GUN

Wife Says Husband's Revolver  
Is Under Pillow.

He Has Prophesied It'll Go Off  
—She Asks Divorce.

"He sleeps with a loaded revolver  
under his pillow and says that some  
day it will go off accidentally and  
kill me."

That is one of the reasons given by  
Nora Brown for a divorce from Wil-  
liam Brown, a 40-year-old man, in the  
district court today. She says she  
fears the gun will go off accidentally  
and fulfill his prophecy.

Mrs. Brown declares in her petition  
that since 1908 Brown has been drunk  
on an average of once a week. She  
doesn't carry the matter out in totals  
but she charges her husband with  
being drunk in the neighborhood of  
400 times since 1908.

And each time he becomes intoxica-  
ted, she says, he strikes and beats  
her one or more times. Those are the  
major complaints of Mrs. Brown. She  
adds that for five years he has failed  
to support her, altho they have lived  
together all but two weeks since they  
were married, August 5, 1896. In-  
stead of supporting her, she says, he  
has spent his money for liquor during  
the last five years.

Mrs. Brown asks that the court  
issue a restraining order prohibiting  
Brown from coming around her home  
at 1706 Topeka avenue, that it grant  
her a permanent alimony and the  
household goods.

## HAVE DISCHARGED 1,508

Guards on Border Released to Care  
for Dependents.

San Antonio, Aug. 26.—Fifteen  
hundred and eight guardsmen with  
persons dependent on them for support  
have been discharged from border  
duty it was announced today at  
Fort Sam Houston.

The Cubs Buy P. C. Fielder.  
Chicago, Aug. 26.—The Chicago Na-  
tional league bought outfielder Harry  
Walters of the Los Angeles Pacific  
Coast league team. The deal for the  
league was \$100,000. Walters, who  
has been hitting fire, President  
Weegman of the Cubs said.

## POLITICS ASTIR TOPEKA WHEN COUNCILS MEET

Great Period for Plans Affect-  
ing National Campaign.

Republicans and Democrats  
Here for State Conference.

## TO WRITE STATE PLATFORMS

Prohibitionists and Socialists  
Also Will Plan Policy.

Then Comes Governor Hughes  
for a Speech in Topeka.

More news of state and nation-wide  
political interest will be made in To-  
peka next week than in any period  
of the presidential campaign. Both  
Republicans and Democrats will come  
to the capital city Tuesday to write  
their platforms and hatch campaign  
plans. Friday Charles Evans Hughes,  
Republican presidential nominee  
comes and for a day Topeka and  
Kansas will be in the spot light in  
national politics.

Many of the most widely known  
party leaders in Kansas will be in  
Topeka next Tuesday for the meet-  
ing of Republican and Democrat party  
councils. Prohibitionists and Social-  
ists will also hold councils on the  
same day, but their light vote gives  
little political significance to the meet-  
ings. With the Republicans and Dem-  
ocrats, it is different. The two old  
parties will plan and scheme for ad-  
vantage and success in the coming  
state and national fight and some of  
the big ideas of the campaign may be  
incubated in the quiet councils sur-  
rounding the meetings.

Both Republicans and Democrats  
will write their state platforms during  
the council meetings. Both parties  
will reaffirm policies as laid down in  
Chicago and St. Louis in June. Then  
the Democratic stand on the national  
platform will say a few unpleas-  
ant things about Governor Capper and  
the state administration, just as the  
Republicans spoke rather slightly  
of the Democratic administration in  
1914. Aside from that, the state  
platforms will be little more than  
it is hardly probable either party will  
take a drastic stand on national issues.  
The initiative, referendum and  
recall are regarded as dead mackerel  
by political circles.

State Committees Will Meet.  
Preceding the party councils, both  
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## WE ARE INVADED!

"Enemy" Fleet Destroys U. S.  
Defensive Squadron.

After All Day Battle, Army  
Lands on Long Island.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The defend-  
ing squadrons under Rear Admiral  
Helm have been "destroyed" by the  
hostile fleet under Admiral May. The  
navy war game and this afternoon  
an invading army was being landed in  
theory on the shores of Long Island.

Washington, Aug. 26.—A great naval  
"battle" has been raging off New  
York harbor for several hours. The  
main battle fleet of Admiral Helm de-  
fending the coast engaged the attacking  
fleet of Admiral Mayo at 5 o'clock off  
Scotland lightship at the entrance to  
the New York harbor. Helm's fleet  
opened fire with 12-inch guns.

Eight war vessels—two battleships,  
one scout cruiser and five destroyers  
have already been "sunk." The de-  
fending fleet sunk the enemy battle-  
ship Texas and Nevada and the enemy  
destroyers Wadsworth and Cooper.

Admiral Helm has so far "lost" the  
scout cruiser Birmingham, and the  
destroyers Draton, Fleming and  
Balch. It is believed here the enemy  
battleships today "destroyed" the  
fight by torpedoes from the destroy-  
ers of the defending fleet.

After "Sunk" Return to Port.  
Many other vessels have been con-  
structively lost but orders to the com-  
manders of the two fleets were that  
ships regarded as sunk should proceed  
to port immediately and their arrival  
should not be reported. The battle  
is being fought with every man of  
each ship's company at his proper sta-  
tion but the firing is done with the  
small caliber batteries employed in  
training turret crews. They are one  
pounder guns mounted upon the  
twelve and fourteen inch weapons of  
the main batteries so arranged that  
the sighting is done thru the use of  
the mechanism of the big guns. The  
piper stationed on each ship judge the  
firing conditions and determine when  
the vessel has been put out of com-  
mission by the fire of her opponents.

"Whatever the outcome," declared  
Rear Admiral Benson, "this has been an  
excellent maneuver. The department is  
well satisfied so far as its information  
goes with the way its plans have  
worked out and with the handling of  
the fleet."

Loss Something Awful.  
The "lost" transport with the in-  
vading army which Admiral Mayo,  
commanding the hostile fleet, appar-  
ently was seeking to land in the vicin-  
ity of New York, was reported as ly-  
ing off Ambrose light near Sandy  
Hook. Whether the ships could pro-  
ceed or would be compelled to fire  
for safety depended on the outcome of  
the fight. Few details of the battle  
reached the navy department. Offi-  
cials went with the way its plans have  
worked out and with the handling of  
the fleet."

Investigate Charge Manufacturers Use  
Method to Get Orders.

New York, Aug. 26.—District At-  
torney Swann announced today that  
he has assigned one of his assistants  
to make a special investigation of evi-  
dence that manufacturers here are  
employing women to attract buyers  
who come to New York from all parts  
of the country.

The district attorney's attention was  
called to this alleged practice among  
certain manufacturers by the formal  
complaint made by one business man  
against another. "The woman," the  
complainant said, "has been employ-  
ing enticed the complainant's wife  
into an evil life."

Believe Guard Slain  
Finding Body Prompts Theory Mex-  
icans Murdered Corporal.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 26.—(De-  
layed) telegraph to Des Moines, Ia.,  
Aug. 26.—That Corporal James  
Donovan, of Battery "B," Davenport,  
Iowa, was murdered by Mexican band-  
its and robbed of \$150, when he ven-  
tured from camp on August 12, was  
believed by guard officers here fol-  
lowing the finding of a badly decom-  
posed body south of camp. The de-  
scription tallies with that of Donovan's  
but further identification will be  
necessary. Capt. A. M. Compton of  
Davenport will examine the body for  
an autopsy. Donovan was posted as  
a deserter following his disappearance.

## NEW SANTA FE OFFICES.



As Building Will Appear With Added Floors

## SINK NAVAL SHIP PLUNGE TO DEATH

23 Men Lost When Auxiliary Is  
Torpedoed.

Commander Down With Vessel.  
88 Are Rescued.

London, Aug. 26.—The torpedoing  
in the North sea of a British naval  
auxiliary with the loss of twenty-three  
men was announced officially today.  
The auxiliary, the Duke of Albany, was  
torpedoed and sunk by a German sub-  
marine. The Duke of Albany was the  
armed boarding steamer. The announce-  
ment followed:

The British armed boarding steam-  
er Duke of Albany was torpedoed and  
sunk in the North sea on Thursday  
by an enemy submarine. Twenty-  
three men were lost. Eleven officers and  
seventy-eight ratings were saved.

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## PLAY BEARS HERE

The Savages Are Home for a  
Three Day Stand.

Denver Club Is Here on Its  
Last Scheduled Visit.

Today's Lineup.  
Denver, Miller, cf., R. Lathrop, cf.,  
Cole, lf., Agler, rf.,  
Oakes, cf., Goodwin, 2b,  
Butcher, 3b, DeFate, ss,  
Dyer, ss, Engle, 3b,  
Shields, 1b, W. Lathrop, 1b,  
Lloyd, 2b, Schweitzer, p.  
Shedden, c, Burwell, p.

The Savages returned home today  
to entertain the Denver Bears on the  
last scheduled visit of the Rebel Oakes  
crew of the season, and today's game  
was a new record for the city.

While the Bears are not up in the  
race, at the same time they have some  
of the best talent in the league on  
the bench. The Bears' lineup today  
was a good farewells showing.

Savage announced just before noon  
that a doubleheader would be played  
today. The first game was moved up  
to make tomorrow a bargain day.  
The first game will be called at  
2 o'clock.

## WOMEN LURE BUYERS

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ing enticed the complainant's wife  
into an evil life."

## WORTH 14 MILLION ONCE, \$5 NOW IS TOTAL BANK ROLL

New York, Aug. 26.—Patrick Cal-  
houn, grandson of the famous states-  
man and prominently identified with  
the San Francisco street car system  
until a few years ago, testified in a  
receivership proceedings here that five  
dollars was the only tangible asset  
remaining of a fortune of \$14,000,000  
possessed by him five years ago. The  
proceedings became known today.

Financial reverses following the  
earthquake and fire in San Francisco  
were responsible for his losses, he as-  
serted. Receivership proceedings were  
brought against Calhoun in a suit for  
office rent.

## ADD 2 STORES TO SANTA FE OFFICE STRUCTURE HERE

Railway Budget Contains Im-  
provements for Topeka.

Increasing Number of Clerks  
Necessitates Addition.

## FILES BUILDING NEAR SHOPS

Fireproof Housing of Road's  
Important Records.

New Force of Clerks to Take  
Care of This Department.

Because of the road's tremendous  
growth, demanding greater office fa-  
cilities, in the last few years, a build-  
ing program, one of the largest  
mapped out here by a corporation in  
several years, will be included in the  
Santa Fe railroad's appropria-  
tion budget for 1917, it became  
known today. The program will call  
for the expenditure of from \$100,000  
of \$125,000, and includes an addition  
of two more stories on the new general  
office building between Ninth and  
Tenth on Jackson street, and the erec-  
tion of a concrete, fireproof files and  
storage building in the shops district.

The addition to the general office  
building, as planned, will cost ap-  
proximately \$50,000. The present  
building, which was started in 1909  
and completed in 1911, cost more than  
\$250,000. With the new two-story  
addition the Santa Fe's building will  
be one of the largest in the west and  
by far the largest in Kansas.

Create New Department.  
The erection of a files building in  
the shops district means the creation  
of a new department here employing a  
large force of office men. That build-  
ing will be used as a storehouse for  
all valuable records and the preser-  
vation of which is demanded by  
rulings of the interstate commerce  
commission. The majority of the re-  
cords are now kept in the general  
office building and the old freight de-  
pot, the latter building being located  
in the shops district.

The addition of two stories to the  
general office building will make it  
twelve stories high, excluding base-  
ments and subbasements as was pro-  
vided for in the original plans and  
specifications which were drawn prior  
to 1909.

The last eight years the office  
force of the Santa Fe has increased 50  
per cent. Prior to 1911, when the  
new building was completed, the ma-  
jority of the records were housed in  
the two buildings, the latter being  
located in the old office building.

Buildings Congested.  
When the new building was com-  
pleted the road's business had in-  
creased so that the old building would  
afford office space adequate for  
years. The passing of a few years,  
however, found the big building and  
the old freight depot, which were  
the latter in 1911. Not only can that  
growth be regarded as an example of  
the road's growing business and pros-  
perity but it is regarded as a barom-  
eter of the prosperity of the west, as  
it has been pointed out that a railroad  
is the pulse of the territory thru  
which it operates. The Santa Fe led  
all other western roads in gross and  
net revenues in the fiscal year of 1915-  
16, ending last June 30.

The office building program here  
surpasses the programs of all other  
western roads, excluding the Southern  
Railway, which has been announced.  
The Southern Pacific has announced  
plans to build a twenty-story general  
office building on the Pacific coast.

It is probable that the large number  
of the departments in the old general  
office building will be moved to the  
new building when the additional  
stories are completed.

Tear Down Old Building.  
In fact, the addition will undoubt-  
edly pave the way for tearing down  
the old office building and the erec-  
tion of a new modern one in its place.  
But little doubt is expressed here  
that the program as will be included  
in the budget for the next fiscal year  
will be approved by the executive  
at the earliest date possible.

## VERY LITTLE RAIN

Only Quarter of an Inch Fell Here—  
More Tonight.

Hourly temperature readings fur-  
nished by the weather bureau today  
were:

7 o'clock ..... 67.11 o'clock ..... 70  
8 o'clock ..... 69.12 o'clock ..... 67  
9 o'clock ..... 72.1 o'clock ..... 67  
10 o'clock ..... 72.2 o'clock ..... 67  
Temperatures today averaged de-  
grees below normal. The mercury  
will be about 10 degrees below normal  
at the earliest date possible.

The drought is technically broken.  
Twenty-six hundred and thirty-four  
inches of rain fell yesterday afternoon  
and night, and a rain of more than one-  
fourth of an inch constitutes a drought  
breaker. The rain, however, accord-  
ing to S. D. Flora, local weather ob-  
server, was not heavy enough to do  
much good. Only a few scattered  
showers fell over the state last night.

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## THOUGHT SHE LOVED HIM

Hammerstein Has Girl Arrested for  
Calling Him an Old Fish.

New York, Aug. 26.—Arthur Ham-  
merstein had Miss Julia Levine, 375  
West Seventy-first street, arrested for  
annoying him for \$12 a month. The  
impressario told Magistrate Mc-  
Quade that Miss Levine, persistently  
called at his office or telephoned him  
at his home at unreasonably hours.  
He said he had made a number of  
usual mode of addressing him, he said  
was "Hello, you old fish." He thought  
she must be in love with him.

## BULGARS SEIZE GREEK FORTRESS, SLAY GARRISON

Defenders Showed Spirited Re-  
sistance But Lost.

Serbs Lose Heavily in Futile  
Attacks on Bulgars.

## CHARGED INVADERS 18 TIMES

Bulgar Successes Cause Con-  
cern in Allies' Camp.

British Aeroplanes Raid Ger-  
man Airship Sheds.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The Bulgarians  
have attacked and captured the Greek  
fort of Starla after killing its com-  
mander, Chanas, and the entire gar-  
rison which offered spirited resistance.  
says a Saloniki dispatch to the Mas-  
tin. The dispatch is dated August 23 and  
was delayed.

Serbs Badly Beaten.  
Sofia, Aug. 26.—After severe fight-  
ing on the Bulgarian right wing on the  
Macedonian front the Serbians have  
been defeated with very heavy losses  
and compelled to retreat. The war of-  
fice announced. Eighteen consecutive  
attacks were made by the Serbians.

On the eastern end of the front,  
Bulgarian forces have reached the  
Greek Aegean coast and put British  
cavalry detachments to flight. Several  
villages have been occupied by the  
Bulgarians.

One Flyer Is Lost.  
London, Aug. 26.—British aero-  
planes have made another dash over  
Belgium, on this occasion penetrating  
to the vicinity of Namur, 46 miles  
southeast of Brussels, and bombing  
airship sheds. One aeroplane is miss-  
ing. An official account of these oper-  
ations was successfully completed by  
the Bulgarians.

Early Friday morning an attack  
was made by naval aeroplanes upon  
enemy airship sheds near Namur. Two  
and two of them were hit but due to  
low lying clouds it was not possible to  
destroy the sheds. One of our  
machines failed to return.

Penetrate French Line, Then Outpost.  
Paris, Aug. 26.—After an intense  
bombardment last night, the Germans  
launched an infantry attack west of  
Tahure in the Champagne. They pen-  
etrated the French position, the Ger-  
mans were successfully repulsed.

The German attack on the Somme  
front was made at Hill 121, near the  
town of Maurepas, recently captured  
by the French.

On the Verdun front, east of the  
Meuse, the Germans attacked the  
French line between Fleury and Thi-  
erchamps. The attack was repulsed,  
but were able to make no advance.  
Aerial engagements occurred all along  
the front.

Three German aeroplanes were shot  
down in the Somme sector, one near  
Ciron and another on the Verdun  
front. Six others were damaged and  
two German captive balloons were  
destroyed.

## KAISER IS STUNG

Would Send Prince to Treat  
With Rumanian King.

But King Ferdinand Promptly  
Replies, "Nothing Doing."

Paris, Aug. 26.—According to infor-  
mation from diplomatic sources, says  
a wireless dispatch from Berne, Em-  
peror Wilhelm has written to King  
Ferdinand of Rumania, who  
intended to send Duke Albrecht of  
Mecklenburg on a special mission to  
him with regard to the position of  
Rumania.

King Ferdinand replied, adds the  
dispatch, that the mission would be  
inopportune as a constitutional monarch,  
he would be obliged to refer the  
envoy to his ministers and in the cir-  
cumstances he preferred that any  
communication from the German gov-  
ernment should be received thru or  
diary channel.

Increase Rumanian Army Fund.  
Amsterdam, Aug. 26.—By decree of  
the Rumanian council of ministers,  
published in the Monitor, the extra-  
ordinary credit for the army is increased  
by 200,000,000 francs to 600,000,000  
francs, according to a telegram from  
Bucharest today.

The universal announces that Gen-  
eral Paraskevov has been appointed  
director of munitions,